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Supply of water to the Lower Coleroon Anicut System.

*1757 Q.—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Lower Coleroon Anicut system has been treated as part and parcel of the Cauvery Delta in fixing the Cauvery arbitration award from the Mysore Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Coleroon at the Upper Anicut was having the spill over the middle shutters prior to the fixing of the present lift shutters;

(c) if the reply is in the affirmative, what are the compensatory provisions made, after the erection of the lift shutters, in the rules framed for their working; and

(d) what provision has been made to ensure regular supply to the Lower Coleroon Anicut System before any supply is drawn to the new area under Mettur canals?

A.—(a) The arbitrator's award of 1914 was set aside by the Secretary of State. But in the subsequent negotiations which resulted in the agreement of 1924, the limit gauges agreed to in Rule 7 of the Rules of Regulation take account of both the Cauvery delta and the Lower Coleroon Anicut systems.

(b) & (c) A copy [a] of the Chief Engineer's letter No. 3047/B-7-28, dated 6th February 1929, which explains the position is placed on the table.

(d) A report has been called for on this point which refers to future arrangements.

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—"With reference to the answer to clause (d), may I ask whether the hon. the Revenue Member will be pleased to place the report on the table of the House as and when received, with the order of the Government thereon?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"The future arrangements on the completion of the Mettur project may take a long time to settle. Anyhow, the Government will consider the suggestion."

Repairs to damages caused by floods in the East Godavari Agency.

*1758 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the cost of damage caused in 1928-29 in the East Godavari Agency to roads, bridges and tanks;

(b) the amount required for repairing or reconstructing the same; and

(c) how much of this will be provided for in the budget for 1929-30?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have called for a report.

(c) A provision of Rs. 47,000 for the reconstruction of the Byneru bridge, Rs. 10,000 for the restoration of the Jangareddigudem-Jellagumalli road and Rs. 30,000 for the restoration of the Byenna weir has been made in the budget estimate for 1929-30.

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Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" May I know whether anything is provided for minor irrigation tanks which were breached in the storms ?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" Provision for minor irrigation tanks is voted by the Council in a lump sum and is distributed by the Board of Revenue. I have no doubt the Agency will also get its share."

Capital expenditure on irrigation works.

* 1759 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state for the years 1880, 1890, 1900, 1910, 1920 and 1925—

(a) the total capital expenditure on all irrigation works—dams, canals and others as distinguished from tanks;

(b) the extent of irrigation by canals, rivers or streams as distinguished from that irrigated by tanks; and

(c) the total revenue both gross and net separately?

A.—(a) *to* (c) The hon. Member is referred to the published Administration Reports for the years mentioned which contains the information that has been compiled.

The classification of irrigation works adopted in the Administration Reports is twofold—viz., "works for which Capital and Revenue accounts are kept" and "works for which Capital and Revenue accounts are not kept." Under the former category the reports furnish two statements—one giving particulars relating to canals and the other relating to reservoirs (or tanks). But in the canal systems there are tanks fed by the canals, and in the reservoir systems there is in some cases direct irrigation from canals which supply the tanks. Figures showing the total irrigated extent and the total expenditure on irrigation works classified under (1) canals and (2) tanks separately, cannot be collected without a reference to the village accounts. As regards works for which Capital and Revenue accounts are not kept, the Administration Reports contain only lump figures showing the total for the whole Province. These again cannot be split into two classes as required without recompilation from the village accounts. The work of fresh compilation to arrive at the statistics the hon. Member desires would be very great and the Government regret they cannot order it to be undertaken.

Land Revenue

Remission of tree-tax on lands assigned to depressed classes.

* 1760 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the remission of the value of trees is given in all cases where land is given to members of depressed classes?

A.—No. Remission is granted only when the applicant is considered to be too poor to pay the value of the trees.